

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- **Call to Order** – First Selectmen called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also attending were First Selectman Stephan Grozinger, First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Administrative Assistant Randi Derene, Weston Residents and members of the press.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** – led by Woody Bliss
- 3- **Discussion regarding an update from the Tax Relief Committee – Woody Bliss** Mr. Bliss gave an update regarding our current Tax Relief programs, what other towns in the area are doing, and gave recommendations for changes to our current program and ordinance. Mr. Bliss wanted to thank the Tax Collector and Assessor's office for helping his committee collect information. Mr. Luiz stated we would need to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed ordinance changes. NO MOTION
- 4- **Discussion/decision regarding the resignation of John Babyak from the Insurance Advisory Committee.** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of John Babyak from the Insurance Advisory Committee effective immediately. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5- **Update from Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee – Andrew Palladino** Mr. Palladino gave an update on the priorities set for the Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee. He spoke about the real estate presentation that should be ready by the beginning of the spring selling season. Mr. Palladino also spoke about how the committee will assist with the development and outreach of our new website. He explained that this committee will support all town departments as needed. NO MOTION
- 6- **Discussion/decision regarding the draft Plan of Conversation & Development.**
Land Use Director, Tracy Kulikowski, joined by phone. Ms. Kulikowski reviewed the process which involves a 65 day period where the Board of Selectmen can make comments and then Planning & Zoning would hold a Public Hearing. NO MOTION
- 7- **Discussion to authorize the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates in Conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the Michael's Way Bridge, Utilizing State and Federal Funds pending authorization by the Board of Finance and Special Town Meeting, if necessary.** First Selectmen Spaulding explained that the design costs would be 100% covered

by the grant and the construction costs would be an 80/20 split with 80% being covered by federal funds. He stated we are trying to apply for a STEAP grant to cover our 20%.
Selectwoman Nestor moved to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Development of Contract Plans, Specifications, and Estimates in Conjunction with the Rehabilitation of the Michael's Way Bridge, Utilizing State and Federal Funds pending authorization by the Board of Finance and Special Town Meeting, if necessary. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8- Discussion to establish a Special Town Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm in the High School Cafeteria for the purpose of answering the following questions: 1) "Shall the Town create Capital Account #5080681-55001 entitled "Public Safety Building Improvements" and to fund said account with an appropriation of \$2,125,789 from the Unassigned Fund Balance? Yes/No." 2) "Shall the Town create Capital Account # 5080682-55001 entitled "Public Safety Telecom Infrastructure" and fund said account with an appropriation from the Unassigned Fund Balance? Yes/No."** First Selectman Spaulding discussed the process and explained that we are still waiting for final pricing for the telecom project. Mr. Luiz advised that we hold off on this motion until we have this information and instead the Board of Selectmen will hold a Special BOS Meeting next week to vote on establishing a Special Town Meeting. NO MOTION
- 9- Property Tax Refunds** Selectwoman Nestor moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds totaling \$1983.79, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 10- Minutes Approval, December 19th and Jan 2nd** Selectwoman Nestor moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the December 19th and January 2nd Board of Selectmen minutes. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 11- Adjournment:** Selectwoman Nestor moved to adjourn at 8:23pm. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by:

Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: January 23, 2020